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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE MARINES CAPTURE SEVEN ASG TERRORISTS ON  
TAWI-TAWI

1. (U) In a September 21 early morning raid on a safe house in Panjogan village near Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippine Marines captured Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) commander Jundan Jamalu, a.k.a. Jundan Jain a.k.a. "Black Killer," and six other ASG terrorists. Jamalu had been wanted by Philippine authorities for his role in the April 2004 kidnapping of three Indonesian sailors from a Malaysian-registered tugboat off Sabah. (Note: Jamalu is also on the US Department of Defense's Rewards list for his terrorist activities. End Note.)

2. (SBU) Comment: Jamalu's arrest highlights the role of Tawi-Tawi, the southernmost island of the Sulu Archipelago, as a terrorist transit point and safe haven. One of the original Dos Palmas kidnapers, ASG terrorist Toting Craft Hanno, who was recaptured by the Armed Forces of the Philippines in January 2005, also found refuge in Tawi-Tawi after escaping from Basilan prison in April 2004.

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